

B2 6. (Amended) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 5, wherein the content of ingredient (A) ranges from 0.3 to 0.8 %, based on the weight of the formulation.

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Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

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B3 10. (Amended) The hair cosmetic formulation according to Claim 9, wherein the aromatic alcohol solvent is a member selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, phenylethyl alcohol, phenoxyethanol, phenoxyisopropanol,  $\alpha$ -methylbenzyl alcohol,  $\alpha,\alpha$ -dimethylbenzyl alcohol,  $\alpha$ -propylbenzyl alcohol, 2-benzyloxyethanol and 3-benzyloxybutanol. --

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#### REMARKS

Claim 4 has been canceled. Claims 1-3 and 5-16 are active in the case.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

#### Claim Rejection, 35 U.S.C. §112

The amendment to Claim 5 is believed to have obviated the basis for the objection to the claim. Further Claim 10 has been amended by adding proper Markush language to the claim. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The present invention relates to a hair cosmetic formulation.

#### Prior Art Rejection

In hair dye and coloring formulations, alkaline agents such as ammonia and monoethanolamine are frequently incorporated therein. However, these components are known to possess objectionable odors and therefore there has been a long standing need to mask the odors which these materials give-off. Accordingly, the objective of the present